Tak" a private news channel operating on Doordarshan Metro; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) Matters relating to selection, continuation etc. of programmes telecast on Doordarshan come within the purview of Prasar Bharati, a statutory autonomous Corporation, and the Government do not decide upon these.

(b) Does not arise.

Formulation of Common Editorial Policy

2282. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BRAODCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a common editorial policy for its own news—bulletins and those prepared by non—Governmental ones on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether producers of "Aaj Tak" are not following Government line; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) The editorial policy and content of news bulletins on Doordarshan is not determined by the Government and comes within the purview of Prasar Bharati, a statutory autonomous Corporation.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Autonomy to Prasar Bharati

2283. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several members of the Prasar Bharati Board have spoken against eroding autonomy of the Board;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions made with them; and

(c) the measures taken to give full autonomy including financial powers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) No such communication has been received from the Prasar Bharati Board.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

High power transmission centre at Ramgarh and Chauhatan in Rajastan

2284. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of high power Doordarshan and A.I.R. Centres, set up in the border areas, together with the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government have received complaints regarding anti-India broadcast and telecasting by the neighbouring countries through their radio and television centres, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government had set up the high power telecasting centres at Ramgarh (Jaisalmer) and Chauhatan (Badmer) in Rajasthan due to their location in the border areas; if so, whether the target of the same is being achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) 20 High power TV Transmitters (HPTs) and 17 High Power MW Radio Transmitters are presently functioning in the border districts of the country. The state-wise details of the Radio/TV Transmitter are given in the statement. *(see* below).